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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE DEMARCHES: ROMANIA ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT
SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION

REF: A. SECTSTATE 33357

[1](#)B. SECSTATE 34009

Classified By: Polcouns Theodore Tanoue for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Human Rights Officer delivered reftel demarches on 3/19/07 to MFA Director for OSCE, COE, and Human Rights Issues, Brandusa Predescu. Predescu was in agreement with the USG's concern about the seriousness of the situation in Zimbabwe and said she would work with her GOR colleagues to issue a statement condemning the GOZ's violent acts against its democratic opponents. Predescu added that the head of GOR's delegation to the UN Human Rights Council had criticized the GOZ's actions during a meeting of the council last week but acknowledged that this had not been an "official" statement. While agreeing to some sort of HRC action during the current session she specifically requested that the USG side provide further information on concrete measures where the GOR might be able to assist. She agreed to instruct their delegation to coordinate closely with the U.S. Delegation in Geneva on next steps. Finally, Predescu said she would endeavor to get the GOR to contact the Africa Union in urging them to issue a public statement expressing concern for human rights violations in Zimbabwe.

[1](#)2. (C) When asked for suggestions on how best to deal with the situation in Zimbabwe Predescu told HumOff that the USG should consider making more public statements and using the press in Geneva (since there were so many media representatives there) to get the message out about the seriousness of Zimbabwe's situation. She also advocated for involving the current Chairperson of the HRC to make a public statement condemning Zimbabwe's actions.
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